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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the

application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-22 (Canceled).

23. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented method for electronically signing

an electronic document, the method comprising:

presenting an electronic document to a user;

receiving an indication from the user as to whether which data elements, if any,

of the document the user wishes to electronically sign all or part of the electronic

document;

if the user wishes to sign all or part any data element of the electronic document,

determining which of a plurality of electronic signature services is to be used based on

user information or the identity of an intended recipient; and

signing all or part the indicated data elements, if any, of the electronic document

using the determined electronic signature service.

24-25. (Canceled).

26. (Currently amended) The method of claim 23, wherein presenting the electronic

document to the user further comprises:

presenting the electronic document to the user in a first format; and

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allowing the user to request presentation of the electronic document in a second

format, wherein the second format is determined by the identity of an intended recipient

of the electronic document after signature.

27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 26, wherein presenting the

electronic document to the user further comprises:

selecting one or more data elements from the electronic document; and

displaying the one or more selected data elements in the second format to the

user.

28. (Previously presented) The method of claim 27, wherein the one or more

selected data elements are displayed to the user in the second format with additional

text.

29. (Previously presented) The method of claim 28, wherein the one or more

selected data elements comprise contractual terms and the additional text comprises

language of a contract.

30. (Currently amended) An electronic signature system, the system comprising:

means for presenting an electronic document to a user;

means for receiving an indication from the user as to whether which data

elements, if any, of the document the user wishes to electronically sign all or part of the

electronic document:

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if the user wishes to sign all or part any data element of the electronic document, means for determining which of a plurality of electronic signature services is to be used

based on user information or the identity of an intended recipient; and

means for signing all or part the indicated data elements, if any, of the electronic

document using the determined electronic signature service.

31-32. (Canceled).

33. (Currently amended) The system of claim 30, wherein the means for presenting

the electronic document to the user further comprises:

means for presenting the electronic document to the user in a first format; and

means for allowing the user to request presentation of the electronic document in

a second format, wherein the second format is determined by the identity of an intended

recipient of the electronic document after signature.

34. (Previously presented) The system of claim 30, wherein the means for

presenting the electronic document to the user further comprises:

means for selecting one or more data elements from the electronic document;

and

means for displaying the one or more selected data elements in the second

format to the user.

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35 (Previously presented) The system of claim 34, wherein the one or more selected data elements are displayed to the user in the second format with additional text.

36. (Previously presented) The system of claim 35, wherein the one or more selected data elements comprise contractual terms and the additional text comprises language of a contract.

37. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein:

the receiving step further comprises allowing the user to indicate that the user wishes to electronically sign the entire document; and

the signing step comprises signing the entire document using the determined electronic signature service if the user indicates that the user wishes to sign the entire document.

38. (New) The system of claim 30, wherein:

the receiving means further allow the user to indicate that the user wishes to sign the entire document: and

the signing means further provide for signing the entire document using the determined electronic signature service if the user indicates that the user wishes to sign the entire document.